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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO COMMENT TODAY ON A REPORT THAT AN AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENT TIPPED OFF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT LAST JUNE ABOUT A PROTEST FROM SECRETARY DULLES.

CHALMERS M. ROBERTS, WASHINGTON POST AND TIMES HERALD REPORTER, SAID IN A STORY THIS MORNING THAT A CIA EMPLOYEE, WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY, WAS INVOLVED IN THE EPISODE. ROBERTS SAID THE INTELLIGENCE AGENT TALKED WITH EGYPT'S PRESIDENT HASSER IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE HIM DULLES' PROTEST WAS NOT AN ULTIMATUM. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE ALLEN DELIVERED DULLES' NOTE.

IN REFUSING TO COMMENT ON ROBERTS' DISPATCH, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN, PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE, SAID ONLY:

"THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT AWARE THAT MR. ALLEN'S MISSION WAS OBSTRUCTED IN ANY WAY."

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